

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 19-29 and 38-43 of Group I. Accordingly, claims 30-37 of Group II are withdrawn. Claims 1-18 have been previously canceled as a result of a prior restriction requirement.

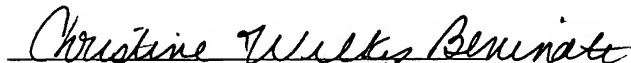
II. CONCLUSION

It is believed that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

According to currently recommended Patent Office policy, The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below in the event that a telephone interview will advance the prosecution of this application. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

This paper is deemed to be filed within the shortened statutory period and no petition or fee for an extension of time is required. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge deposit account no.: 50-0510 for any required fee deficiency.

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